

Lake County
Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
Section One

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Lake County is threatened by a number of different types of natural, technological and societal or man-made hazards. These hazards endanger the health and safety of the population of the county, jeopardize its economic vitality, and imperil the quality of its environment. Because of the importance of avoiding or minimizing the vulnerabilities to these hazards, the public and private sector interests of Lake County will join together to create a task force to undertake a comprehensive planning process that has culminated in the publication of this document: "The Lake County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan."

This task force, entitled the Lake County Mitigation 20/20 Task Force, will conduct detailed studies to identify the hazards threatening the jurisdictions of Lake County and to estimate the relative risks posed to the community by those hazards. This information will be used by the Task Force to assess the vulnerabilities of the facilities and neighborhoods of Lake County to the impacts of future disasters involving those hazards. With these identified, the Task Force will work to identify proposed projects and programs that will avoid or minimize these vulnerabilities to make the communities of Lake County much more resistant to the impacts of future disasters.

These projects and programs to reduce the impacts of future disasters are called "mitigation initiatives" in this document. Mitigation initiatives will be developed and will continue to be developed by the Task Force for implementation whenever the resources to do so become available. As the mitigation initiatives identified in this plan are implemented, step by step, Lake County will become a more "disaster resistant" community.

This document will detail the work of the Lake County Task Force over the next several months to develop the planning organization, to undertake the needed technical analyses, and to coordinate the mitigation initiatives that have been proposed by the participating jurisdictions and organizations. The Task Force solicits the involvement of the entire community to make the people, neighborhoods, businesses and institutions of Lake County safer from the impacts of future disasters.